



— State of —  
**North Dakota**

*Office of the Governor*

**John Hoeven**  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY**  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2003

**WHEREAS**, throughout American history, many men and women have bravely served in our military and sacrificed much to preserve our country and protect democracy around the world; and some of those who answered the call to service were captured in conflict and imprisoned by our enemies; and many remain missing in action; and

**WHEREAS**, each year on National POW/MIA Recognition Day, we honor those Americans who were prisoners of war and recognize them for the courage and determination they showed in the face of unspeakable hardships; we also honor those who remain unaccounted for, especially remembering the sacrifices of their families who must courageously face each day without knowing the fate of their loved ones; and

**WHEREAS**, the fate of more than 88,000 Americans who fought in that conflict from World War II through Operation Desert storm remains unknown; these Americans, who dedicated their lives to preserving and protecting our freedoms, will never be forgotten; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I proclaim September 19, 2003, as **POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY** in North Dakota.

/s/  
John Hoeven  
Governor

Attest:

/s/  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State